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Third Time's the Charm

For the third time in recent months the ASUO Senate is promoting an attempt to amend the ASUO Constitution. And for the third time too many of the students whose votes are needed for adoption know very little and care less about the amendment.

The proposed amendment is slightly different than the one proposed fall term and last spring. But its main purpose is the same — to prevent presidential candidates from almost automatic election to the Senate at the expense of class representative and Senator-at-large candidates. Thus women, who seldom run for presidential offices, have quite a stake in the election's outcome.

But there are a number of sub-surface

political implications involved, understood only by a few members of the Senate. The Emerald's view is that they are too complicated to explain in print; understanding requires about a 30-minute illustrated personal sales presentation. Nevertheless, we recommend that those in doubt read ASUO President Darrel Brittsan's column on this page.

The Emerald concurs with the Senate majority in recommended passage of this amendment. This will require about 1,700 students to go to the polls, for one-third of the registered students must vote to make the election legal. Although we normally oppose "voting blind," we urge everyone to support the Senate by going to the polls either today, tomorrow or Friday.

Parking Problems Are Emerging

The role to be played by the campus planning committee in future parking developments on or about the University campus will be primarily one of recommendations based upon informed surveys. But the job of this group is confined to advising the best method of installing the facilities.

The committee, under the guidance of its chairman, Dean Sidney W. Little of the architecture school, has made two surveys in the past few years, only to find that the mechanics of their decisions have become quickly invalid.

As facts gathered by the committee indicate, the expected increase both in student and faculty drivers will continue in the near future. Whereas 2700 cars are currently registered and estimated on campus, 3200 are anticipated for next year and 3700 by 1959-60.

The alternatives to expansion have been explored by the committee and their answer has been generally to go to the fringe of the campus for relief. They have expressed a reluctance to further invade campus property for off-street parking. A \$10,000 proposed development along Franklin Blvd. south of the Emerald Hall lot may accommodate the added car population.

Registration of faculty cars is now quietly underway, not unlike the student sign-up each fall. No changes in the existing set-up will be made during the actual academic year, however. The committee's responsibility is to handle faculty and visiting cars, with the Student Affairs office controlling student cars.

What of existing facilities, then? Proposals now in the works may restrict Emerald Hall parking to faculty only. Present estimates are that the lot currently contains 60 per cent student cars.

It has been the administration's policy to compensate for any "evicted" cars with additional areas. And so the fringe area parking tentatively planned for the campus's northeast corner would absorb the overflow.

Here is where student responsibility and leadership should enter the issue. The basic problems concerning parking remain with the students themselves. What about the

near-campus residents? What about the numerous commuters living in and around Eugene? What about overnight and most-of-the-day parking on campus lots? And what about restrictions of off-street parking which may soon be facing students?

The planning committee has made its recommendations concerning expansion and has added its views on faculty and visiting car responsibility. But the student angle will remain a sore point for future ASUO leaders to reckon with.

The problems are emerging. Administration officials have shown intentions to work closely with the students on the issue. Only with the coordination and effective liaison can the problem be resolved. Again, money is a question, but development and regulation of permanent facilities are at stake, as is the future of a rapidly-expanding campus bottleneck. (A.J.)

Footnotes

FOUND — Rationalizing comments on wall of Junior Week office:

"Junior Week isn't a way of life, it's a way all boats." —Dave Beck

"Junior Week isn't a way of life, it's a way out." —Michaelangelo

"Junior Week isn't a way of life, it's May 11-18." —Henry Cabot Lodge

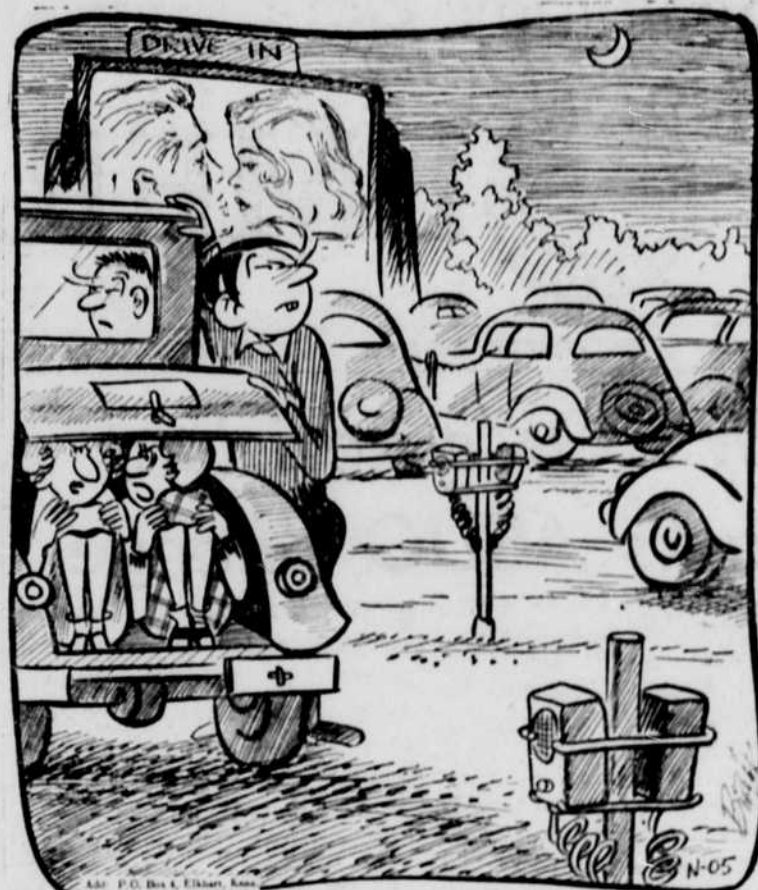
"Junior Week isn't a way of life, it's an activity." —John Scott Trotter

(also attributed to Zsa Zsa Gabor and Gen. George Patton.)

At the risk of alienating Southern students, we pass along an oath attributed to school children in Los Angeles and environs: "I pledge allegiance to Los Angeles, and to the smog for which it stands, one city, invisible, with tears and cough drops for all."

Our Monday sports page DID claim that both the Whites and the Blues (in the story and headline respectively) won the women's Greek Week football game, but we had a reason. The Emerald doesn't like to take sides in issues involving women when the rules are so clearly drawn. And besides that, with all this discrimination talk...

Borne in a Trunk



"I THOUGHT YOU SAID FRATERNITY BOYS HAD MORE SPENDING MONEY?"

From the Squirrel Cage

New Plan Gives Voters Ballots for Prexy and Rep

By DARREL BRITTSAN
ASUO President

Today is our third attempt in one year to pass a constitutional amendment. Previously our efforts have been thwarted because too few students voted.

We failed to attract the necessary one-third of our student body to the polls as required by our constitution. This problem we can solve with our plan for a three-day election.

However, there is an additional problem—educating the voters as to what they are voting on. This is a difficult, but necessary task.

First, we would like to separate the election of ASUO President and Vice-president from that of the Senators-at-large. Presently, the Presidential candidates are on the same ballot as the candidates for Senator.

Under this system, your vote counts for one person, either President, Vice-president or Senator, and then would be used no further.

The purpose of the change is to allow everyone to vote for President without forfeiting his vote for Senator-at-large. If this amendment passes, voters will be able to voice their opinion for both President and Senator.

The other major change is in the election of class officers. The freshman election will remain unchanged. They will continue to use separate ballots. However, the sophomore, junior and senior class ballots would be altered to this situation by the proposed amendment.

Presently each of these classes elects four officers on the same ballot, each needing the same number of votes to be elected. The idea behind it is that you should be able to elect one officer to represent you and no more. For this reason people could vote for their candidate for representative and not even vote for President.

Although it sounds good in theory that you should have only one vote, whether it be for President or representative, the Senate was of the opinion that

each class president should be elected by all the voters in his class, not just a few. With this in mind, they endorsed separating the ballot of class presidents and vice-president from that of class representative.

This is a thumbnail explanation of the amendment which the ASUO Senate is proposing to you, the voters. I hope that I have made the issue less nebulous than before. If you still have questions, I will be very happy to answer them as well as I can. Please call on me.



Letters to the Editor

Editor's Note:

Because of a typographical error, a letter in this column Tuesday argued the racial issue with a "Mr. Casanova." It should have read "Mr. Canova," referring to Gary Canova who recently wrote a letter strongly defending fraternities. The Emerald apologizes to Len Casanova, head football coach, who has had no part in this matter.

Emerald Editor:

Fraternities have more "good" than "bad" points; everybody is born equal (tho some "more equal" than others); political science students (especially graduates) are "delighted" to find an "issue" (any issue) on which to write a letter-to-the-editor; fraternities don't like taxes anymore than anyone else; fraternities are "private" (social) organizations in which the "public" is a "silent partner"; prejudice at home in Oregon will make the rest of the world "reluctant" to accept the billion-dollar-gratuity Congress is prepared to ram down their "hungry" throats; most Oregon students would prefer that Sociology and Political Science students wrote letters-to-each-other rather than to the editor; the technology of today has made it possible for Political-Science-Graduate-students to give a blanket psychoanalysis (sans couch); some of everybody's "best friends" are Negroes, Jews, Catholics, Swedes, and even Graduate Students; Ed

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